

### **Progress for Parents – School Aged Childcare Project**

The Progress for Parents project, which is part of the Moray Pathways Local Employability Partnership, is funded by Scottish Government. This project will support parents in our local communities to access School Aged Childcare (SAC) provision. School aged childcare has been identified as a barrier for parents to participate in learning, training or work opportunities.

Overall, the aim of this project is to support parents into learning and work, increase household income and ultimately reduce child poverty rates.

The families identified as eligible for the purposes of this project are recognised as belonging to one of the below priority groups set out in the [Bright Start, Best Future, Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan](#).

- Lone parents
- Families with a disabled parent or child
- Families with three or more children
- Minority Ethnic Families
- Families where the youngest child is under 1 year of age
- Families where the parents are under 25

As part of the early stages of this project, our aim is to complete mapping of existing SAC provision across Moray, work in collaboration with all existing SAC providers and link with local employers to build the scope of provision in Moray.

In order to achieve a lot of the work planned, we would like to build connections with all our communities across Moray to ensure we are meeting the diverse needs of our families. In order to do this, we hope that we can build positive connections with all our school communities and ELC providers. We believe that these communities are key stakeholders in the development of SAC provision in Moray.

We aim to contact all Primary Schools in Moray to have discussions around what needs their school community may have in terms of SAC. This will support our mapping of existing provision and where there are gaps in provision. We would be particularly keen to connect with schools who would be interested in exploring options for involvement in piloting SAC provision within their ASG. The approach will be place based.

We have already started the process of connecting with existing providers, some being ELC providers, but would be keen to expand this to connect with all ELC providers to again, assess need for SAC provision and explore options to build the scope of provision.

If you have any questions or would be keen to be an early adopter for this project, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Alternatively, please look out for correspondence in the near future and we look forward to building positive connections that will lead to increased SAC provision in all localities across Moray.